

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

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1. A method for providing electronic message filing recommendations comprising:

filtering an electronic message to determine at least one suggested folder for filing said electronic message from among a plurality of filing folders in a messaging filing directory; and

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distinguishing said at least one suggested folder from a remainder of said plurality of filing folders, such that a recommendation of relevant folders for filing said electronic message is provided.

15 2. The method according to claim 1 for providing electronic message filing

recommendations, wherein filtering said electronic message to determine at least one suggested folder for filing said electronic message further comprises:

detecting a suggested folder name specified by a sender in said electronic message; and

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specifying said at least one suggested folder to include a folder with said suggested folder

name.

3. The method according to claim 1 for providing electronic message filing recommendations, wherein distinguishing said at least one suggested folder from a remainder of  
5 said plurality of filing folders further comprises:

graphically distinguishing said at least one suggested folder from said remainder of said plurality of filing folders.

10 4. The method according to claim 1 for providing electronic message filing recommendations, further comprising:

automatically expanding a display directory of said plurality of filing folders to display said at least one suggested folder.

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5. The method according to claim 1 for providing electronic message filing recommendations, further comprising:

responsive to detecting an icon for said particular electronic message dragged into a  
20 display region for said plurality of filing folders, automatically positioning said icon over said at least one suggested folder.

6. A system for providing electronic message filing recommendations comprising:

a filtering controller for filtering an electronic message to determine at least one

5 suggested folder for filing said electronic message from among a plurality of filing folders in a  
messaging filing directory; and

an output controller for distinguishing said at least one suggested folder from a remainder

of said plurality of filing folders, such that a recommendation of relevant folders for filing said  
10 electronic message is provided.

7. The system according to claim 6 for providing electronic message filing  
recommendations, wherein filtering controller further comprises:

15 means for detecting a suggested folder name specified by a sender in said electronic  
message; and

means for specifying said at least one suggested folder to include a folder with said

suggested folder name.

8. The system according to claim 6 for providing electronic message filing recommendations, wherein said output controller further comprises:

means for graphically distinguishing said at least one suggested folder from said

5 remainder of said plurality of filing folders.

9. The system according to claim 6 for providing electronic message filing recommendations, further comprising:

10 means for automatically expanding a display directory of said plurality of filing folders to display said at least one suggested folder.

10. The system according to claim 6 for providing electronic message filing recommendations, further comprising:

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means responsive to detecting an icon for said particular electronic message dragged into a display region for said plurality of filing folders, for automatically positioning said icon over said at least one suggested folder.

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11. A computer program product for providing electronic message filing recommendations comprising:

a recording medium;

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means, recorded on said recording medium, for filtering an electronic message to determine at least one suggested folder for filing said electronic message from among a plurality of filing folders in a messaging filing directory; and

10 means, recorded on said recording medium, for distinguishing said at least one suggested folder from a remainder of said plurality of filing folders, such that a recommendation of relevant folders for filing said electronic message is provided.

12. The computer program product according to claim 11 for providing electronic message  
15 filing recommendations, wherein said means for filtering said electronic message to determine at least one suggested folder for filing said electronic message further comprise:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for detecting a suggested folder name specified by a sender in said electronic message; and

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means, recorded on said recording medium, for specifying said at least one suggested

folder to include a folder with said suggested folder name.

13. The computer program product according to claim 11 for providing electronic message filing recommendations, wherein said means for distinguishing said at least one suggested folder from a remainder of said plurality of filing folders further comprise:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for graphically distinguishing said at least one suggested folder from said remainder of said plurality of filing folders.

10 14. A method for facilitating electronic message filing comprising:

detecting an electronic message created by a sender;

attaching a suggested filing folder name to said electronic message; and

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sending said electronic message with said suggested filing folder name, such that efficient filing of said electronic message by a recipient of said electronic message in a folder with said suggested filing folder name is facilitated.

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15. A system for facilitating electronic message filing comprising:

means for detecting an electronic message created by a sender;

5 means for attaching a suggested filing folder name to said electronic message; and

means for sending said electronic message with said suggested filing folder name, such that efficient filing of said electronic message by a recipient of said electronic message in a folder with said suggested filing folder name is facilitated.

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16. A computer program product for facilitating electronic message filing comprising:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for detecting an electronic message created by a sender;

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means, recorded on said recording medium, for attaching a suggested filing folder name to said electronic message; and

means, recorded on said recording medium, for sending said electronic message with said 20 suggested filing folder name, such that efficient filing of said electronic message by a recipient of said electronic message in a folder with said suggested filing folder name is facilitated.

17. A method for efficient electronic message filing comprising:

receiving an electronic message with a suggested filing folder name; and

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automatically filing said electronic message in a folder with said suggested filing folder name within a message filing directory, such that filing of said electronic message is efficiently controlled.

10 18. A system for efficient electronic message filing comprising:

means for receiving an electronic message with a suggested filing folder name; and

means for automatically filing said electronic message in a folder with said suggested filing folder name within a message filing directory, such that filing of said electronic message is efficiently controlled.

19. A computer program product, recorded on a computer readable medium, for efficient electronic message filing comprising:

means for receiving an electronic message with a suggested filing folder name; and

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means for automatically filing said electronic message in a folder with said suggested filing folder name within a message filing directory.